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PREPARATION THAT CONTAINS  
OLIGOSACCHARIDES  
AND PROBIOTICSPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claims 1-10 as originally filed, which appear on pages 10 and 11, with Claims 1-9 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of 27 November 2000. The pages containing Claims 1-9 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of the Article 34 Claims 1-9, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

--2. (amended) Preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharides have a degree of polymerization of 2 to 20.--

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (amended) Preparation according Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharides have been obtained by the